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Official meetings

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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	20th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

   Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/63/232)

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/63/1) [100]

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragraph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting. . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Chairperson
2. Statement by the High Representative, Office for Disarmament Affairs
3. General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82*; *item 83* (A/63/52-S/2008/123); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139); *item 86* (A/63/115 and A/63/115/Add.1[1]); *item 87*; *item 88*; *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182 and A/63/261); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164 and A/63/178); *item 91* (A/63/27 (Supp)[1], A/63/42 (Supp), A/63/177 and A/63/279); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II))[1]; *item 93*; *item 94* (A/63/138); *item 95* (A/63/124); and *item 96*

   [Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2 and A/C.1/63/INF/1]

[1]To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting. . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 33* (A/63/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/63/65); *item 34* (A/63/23, chapters V and XII); *item 35* (A/63/23, chapters VI and XII, and A/63/61); *item 36* (A/63/67); and *item 37* (A/63/23, A/63/23/Add.1 and A/63/131)

2. Requests for hearings (A/C.4/63/2, A/C.4/63/3, A/C.4/63/3/Add.1, A/C.4/63/3/Add.2, A/C.4/63/3/Add.3, A/C.4/63/4, A/C.4/63/5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.1, A/C.4/63/5/Add.2, A/C.4/63/5/Add.3, A/C.4/63/5/Add.4, A/C.4/63/5/Add.5, A/C.4/63/5/Add.6, A/C.4/63/5/Add.7, A/C.4/63/5/Add.8, A/C.4/63/5/Add.9, A/C.4/63/5/Add.10, A/C.4/63/5/Add.11, A/C.4/63/5/Add.12, A/C.4/63/5/Add.13, A/C.4/63/5/Add.14, A/C.4/63/5/Add.15, A/C.4/63/5/Add.16, A/C.4/63/5/Add.17, A/C.4/63/5/Add.18, A/C.4/63/5/Add.19, A/C.4/63/5/Add.20, A/C.4/63/5/Add.21, A/C.4/63/5/Add.22, A/C.4/63/5/Add.23, A/C.4/63/5/Add.24, A/C.4/63/5/Add.25, A/C.4/63/5/Add.26, A/C.4/63/5/Add.27, A/C.4/63/5/Add.28, A/C.4/63/5/Add.29, A/C.4/63/5/Add.30, A/C.4/63/5/Add.31, A/C.4/63/5/Add.32, A/C.4/63/5/Add.33, A/C.4/63/5/Add.34, A/C.4/63/5/Add.35, A/C.4/63/5/Add.36, A/C.4/63/5/Add.37, A/C.4/63/5/Add.38, A/C.4/63/5/Add.39, A/C.4/63/5/Add.40, A/C.4/63/5/Add.41, A/C.4/63/5/Add.42, A/C.4/63/5/Add.43, A/C.4/63/5/Add.44, A/C.4/63/5/Add.45, A/C.4/63/5/Add.46, A/C.4/63/5/Add.47, A/C.4/63/5/Add.48, A/C.4/63/5/Add.49, A/C.4/63/5/Add.50, A/C.4/63/5/Add.51, A/C.4/63/5/Add.52, A/C.4/63/5/Add.53, A/C.4/63/5/Add.54, A/C.4/63/5/Add.55, A/C.4/63/5/Add.56, A/C.4/63/5/Add.57, A/C.4/63/5/Add.58, A/C.4/63/5/Add.59, A/C.4/63/5/Add.60, A/C.4/63/5/Add.61, A/C.4/63/5/Add.62, A/C.4/63/6 and A/C.4/63/6/Add.1)[1]

[1]To be issued.

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Address by the Deputy Secretary-General
2. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
3. Keynote address by Professor Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government, followed by question time
4. General debate

Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

France (on behalf of the European Union)

Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries)

Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)

Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations)

Japan

United States

Tunisia

Brazil

Pakistan

International Labour Organization

3–6 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)

Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group)

Kenya (on behalf of the African Group)

Russian Federation

China

Algeria

Uganda

Jamaica

India

Republic of Moldova

Colombia

International Committee of the Red Cross

[*Note:* The deadline for inscription to the list of speakers for the general debate is 6 p.m. on *Monday, 6 October 2008*. The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second

Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work (A/63/250; A/C.3/63/1, A/C.3/63/2, A/C.3/63/L.1 and A/C.3/63/L.1/Add.1)
2. Programme planning (A/63/6 (Part One), A/63/6/ (Prog. 19) and A/C.3/63/2) . . [119]
3. Social development . . . . . [55]
   (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/63/133)
   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/63/183 and A/63/184)
   (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/63/95)
   (d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/63/172)
   (e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/63/183)

   Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

   Introductory statements, followed by question time

   General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Social development . . . . . [55]

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   (d) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/63/172)
   (e) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/63/183)

   General discussion (continued)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11 and A/63/68) . . . . . [122]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/63/11 (Chapter V)))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal briefing on Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Allocation of agenda items (A/C.6/63/1)

Organization of work (A/C.6/63/L.1)

Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/63/55, A/63/55/Add.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283 and A/63/314) . . . . . [129]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/63/55, A/63/55/Add.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283 and A/63/314) . . . . . [129]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Agenda item 129 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations) will be discussed in plenary on *Monday, 6 October*; agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be discussed in plenary on Wednesday, 8 and Thursday, 9 October; and agenda item 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission) will be discussed in plenary on Friday, 10 and Monday, 13 October. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

3–6 p.m. . . . . 312th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10
Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 6 October 2008

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Monday, 6 October 2008

Group of 77 (on the administration of justice)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

2008 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-3170B

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other activities

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Monday, 6 October 2008

Briefing on "Renewable energy in urban settings" (organized by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the International Solar Energy Society (ISES))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy (e-mail isesny@gmail.com).]

Briefing on the reports before the Third Committee under agenda item 59 (Advancement of women) (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event on the theme "Harmonious cities", in observance of World Habitat Day 2008 (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 2.30 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the following Web site <www.unhabitat.org>.]

[redacted]

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish*

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 6 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly Resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will begin on Thursday, 9 October and Friday, 10 October 2008; the meetings will take place, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Beginning the week of 13 October, three meetings per week will be held (the complete schedule and the draft outcome document are posted on the following Financing for Development (FfD) Office Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

All accredited stakeholders to the Financing for Development process are invited to attend the drafting sessions, although only representatives of governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

As announced at the informal consultations on 19 September, it is the intention of the facilitators to consider, in this first phase, the first three sections of the draft outcome document on 9 and 10 October. The next three sections would be considered during the week of 13 October, and the last three sections in the week of 20 October.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting in Conference Room 5.

Informal briefings (closed):

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633-A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

The Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 2nd meeting, on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF'S emergency response over the past six months on Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing effective international control over the import, export and transfer of conventional arms" (under agenda item 90) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Kenya and the United Kingdom)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all" (under agenda item 55 (d)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 64 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 17 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 16 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Tuesday, 21 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" (under agenda item 89) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A;

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 14 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration; Criminal Law and Advice; and the Office of the Rule of Law and Security Institutions" (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Wednesday, 8 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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High-level working session entitled "Harmonious cities: Music, technology, culture and health" (organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) and co-sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[This meeting is open to members of Permanent Missions only. The media is invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-HABITAT New York Office (room DC2-0943; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200; e-mail habitatNY@un.org).]

Interactive discussion "Growing Together: Youth and the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/youth>; or contact Ms. Julie Pewitt, UN Programme on Youth (tel. 1 (917) 367-5169; e-mail pewitt@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Peacebuilding: a role for religion" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 8.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885; e-mail office@holyseemission.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10 to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are

requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed

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For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 31 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action

19th plenary meeting

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and developing Institutions on transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3)*

The General Assembly continued its high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action.

Statements were made by the Chairman of the delegation of the Republic of Korea; the Chairman of the delegation of China; the Chairman of the delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; the Chairman of the delegation of Switzerland; the Chairman of the delegation of Ethiopia; the Chairman of the delegation of the United States; the Chairman of the delegation of Pakistan; the Chairman of the delegation of Afghanistan; the Chairman of the delegation of Iceland; the Chairman of the delegation of Thailand; the Chairman of the delegation of Malawi; the Chairman of the delegation of Burkina Faso; the Chairman of the delegation of Italy; the Chairman of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Chairman of the delegation of the Russian Federation; the Chairman of the delegation of Mali; the Chairman of the delegation of Egypt; and the Chairman of the delegation of Armenia.

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution of 62/76 of 6 December 2007, the observer for the Eurasian Development Bank made a statement.

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution of 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the observer for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.3* (resolution 63/2).

The General Assembly has thus concluded the high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 52.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Gábor Bródi (Hungary), declared open the first meeting of the Fifth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

The Committee heard a statement by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Chairman of the Committee reminded the Committee of the election of Mr. Mohamed Yousif Ibrahim Abdelmannan (Sudan), Mr. Olivio Fermín (Dominican Republic) and Mr. Henric Råsbrant (Sweden) as Vice-Chairmen; and Mr. Patrick Chuasoto (Philippines) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/63/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda by the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/63/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work submitted by the Bureau for the main part of the session.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the recommendations of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/63/250 and A/63/250/Corr.1, as well as of the observations of the Chairman, that delegations ensure that their colleagues in the Main Committees complete consideration of all draft resolutions having programme budget implications as early as possible, and not later than 1 December 2008, in order to enable the Fifth Committee to consider them in a timely manner.

Statements concerning the status of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the EFTA country Liechtenstein member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Armenia which aligned themselves with the statement), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Japan, Indonesia, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States and Angola (on behalf of the African Group).

The Committee approved the proposed programme of work on the understanding that the Bureau would adjust the programme of work taking into account the observations made.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set Friday, 17 October 2008, as the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 105 (a, b, c, e and f) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) and Friday, 7 November 2008, as the date of the elections.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 1st meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/193, page 16): The third paragraph under "Organization of work", *should have read* as follows:

> The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable, as contained in document A/C.1/63/CRP.1.

General Information

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The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
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H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

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H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

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A/63/97/Add.1	Item 83 of the provisional agenda — Reduction of military budgets — Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/140/Add.1	Items 120, 121 and 127 of the provisional agenda — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on knowledge management in the United Nations system — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/63/374–S/2008/620	Item 10 — Report of the Peacebuilding Commission — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the Secretary-General to the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission [A C E F R S]
A/63/456	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 29 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/460	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 1 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/461	Item 71 — Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law — Letter dated 1 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

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A/ES-10/423–S/2008/629	Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 29 September 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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A/63/374–S/2008/620 Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the Secretary-General to the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission [A C E F R S]

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